

Community Preservation Committee

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Public Meeting
January 20, 2016

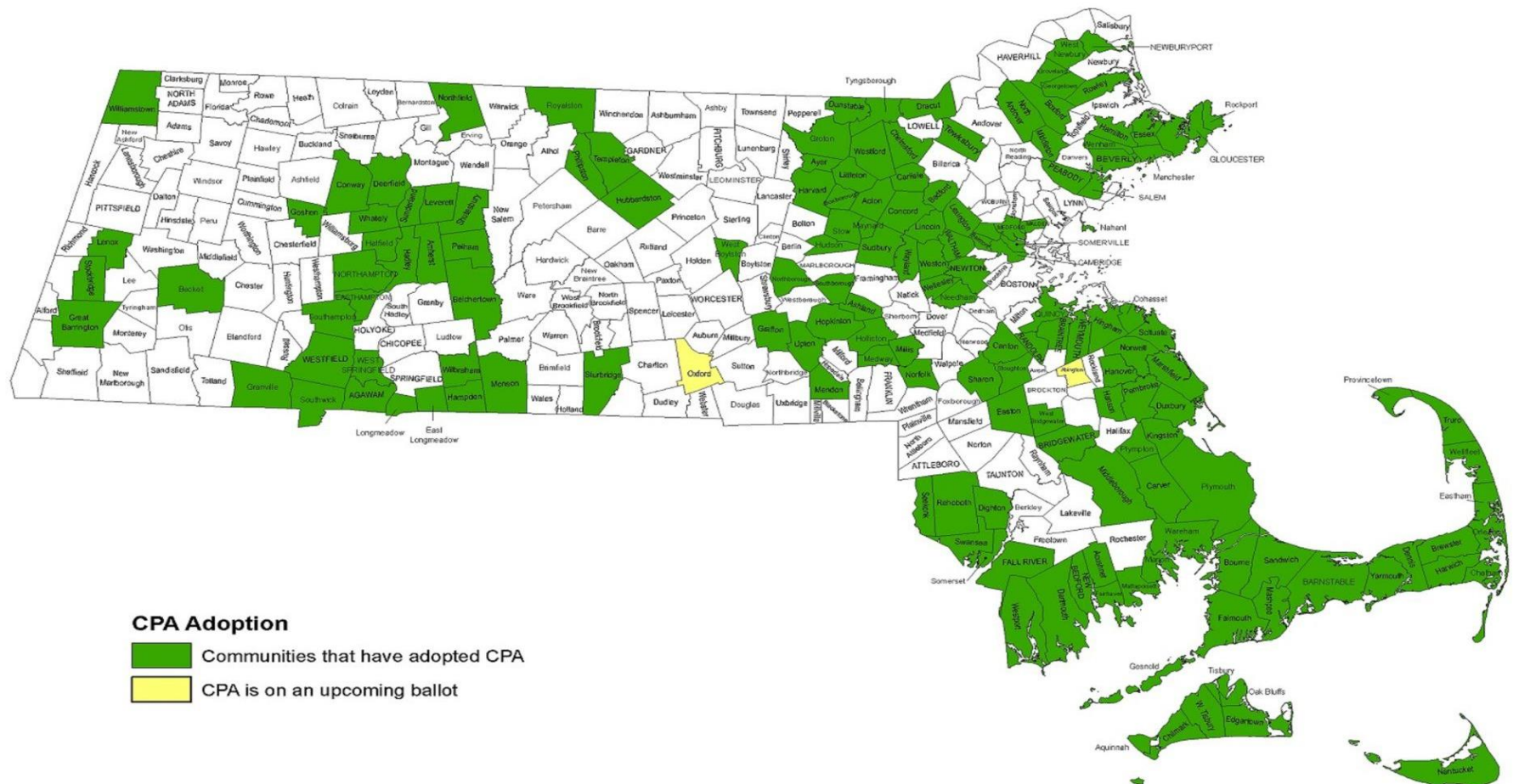
What is the CPA?

The Community Preservation Act (CPA), enacted September 14, 2000, helps Massachusetts communities:

- Preserve open space
- Preserve historic sites
- Create affordable housing
- Develop outdoor recreational facilities

Arlington voters adopted the CPA into its bylaws on November 4, 2014.

162 CPA Communities & Growing



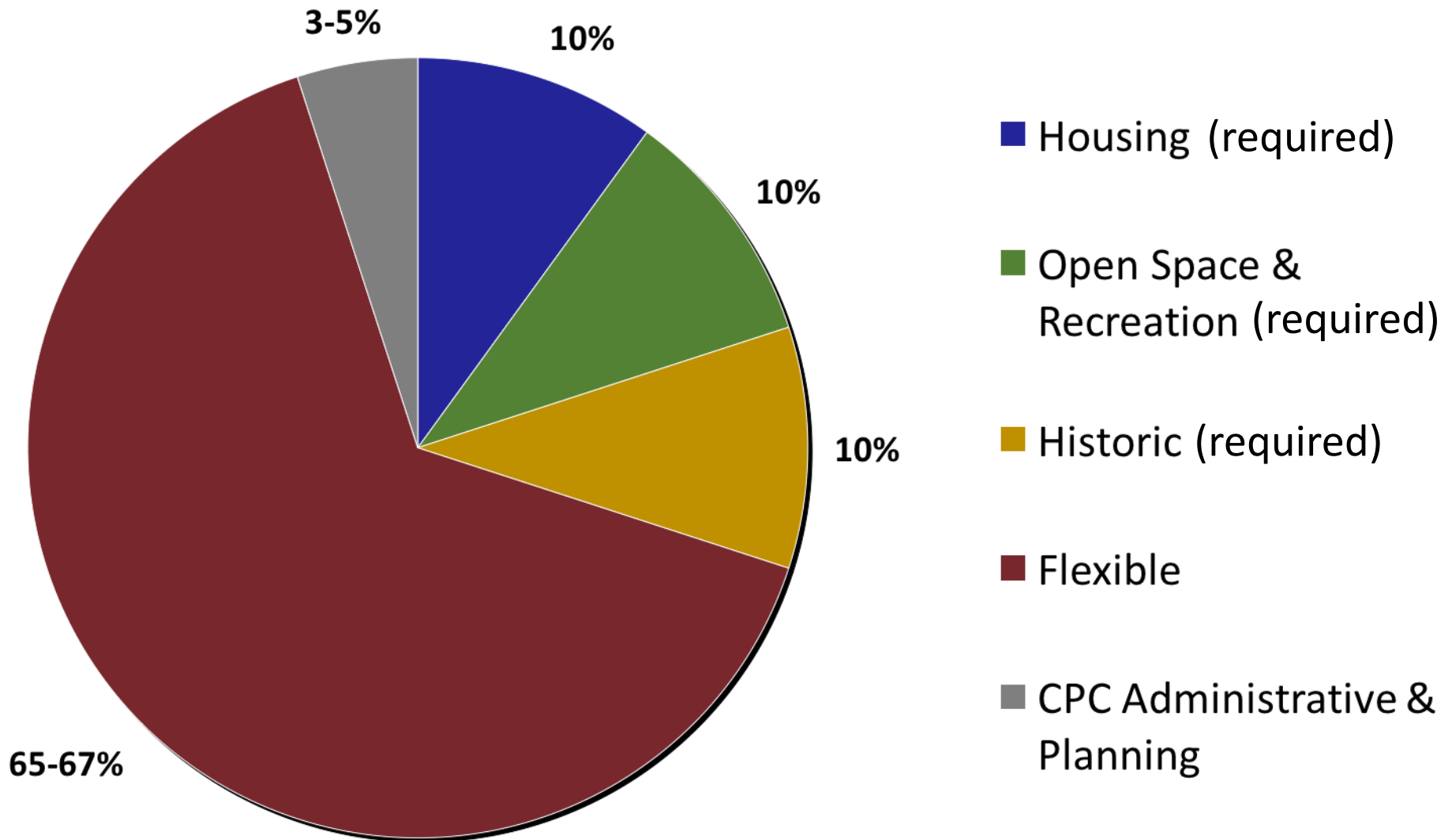
The CPA Trust Fund

- Administered by the Department of Revenue (DOR)
- Funds come from \$10 and \$20 fees charged at the Registries of Deeds
- In 2015, an additional \$10 million was added from the state budget surplus (\$11.4m in 2014 and \$25m in 2013)
- Arlington's first State match from the Trust Fund will be distributed in November 2016

Arlington's CPA Fund

- Administered by the Treasurer's and Comptroller's Offices
- Funds come from a 1.5% surcharge on property taxes (minus exemptions) + State match
- Arlington's first State match from the Trust Fund will be distributed in November 2016
- Estimated fund balance for FY17: **\$1,380,000**
- Monies unspent during a fiscal year remain in the Fund, available for future fiscal years

Annual Spending



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Required minimum spending (or reserve):

- 10% of total revenue for housing projects
- 10% for historic projects
- 10% for open space & recreation projects

Optional:

- Up to 5% for CPC administration & planning
- Appropriations for new CPA projects
- Balance goes in a “budgeted reserve”

Community Preservation Committee

Clarissa Rowe, Chair

Selectmen Appointee

Eric Helmuth, Vice Chair

Selectmen Appointee

Chuck Tirone

*Conservation Commission
Designee*

Leslie Mayer

*Parks & Recreation Commission
Designee*

JoAnn Robinson

Historic Commission Designee

Michael Cayer

Redevelopment Board Designee

Andrew Bengtson

Selectmen Appointee

Richard Murray

Housing Authority Designee

David Levy

Selectmen Appointee

CPA Plan – Within the First Year

- **Assess Community Preservation needs** of Arlington (Review Master Plan, Open Space Plan, Housing Plan, etc.)
- **Meet** with other committees and boards
- **Get public input** on CPA priorities
- **Present** to Town Meeting
- **Prepare** *Community Preservation Plan*

How do CPA Projects Happen?

Project applicants submit applications to Community Preservation Committee (CPC)



CPC reviews projects, gets input



CPC recommends list of projects to Town Meeting



Majority vote of Town Meeting required for each project



Application Milestones FY2017

Project applicants submit
applications to Community
Preservation Committee (CPC)

Noon, February 22, 2016



CPC reviews projects, gets
input

Mid-March 2016



CPC recommends list of
projects to Town Meeting

Late March/Early April 2016



Majority vote of Town Meeting
required for each project

**Annual Town Meeting begins
April 28, 2016**

Determining Project Eligibility

It's all about the VERBS!

	Open Space	Historic	Recreation	Housing
Acquire	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Create	Yes	-	Yes	Yes
Preserve	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Support	-	-	-	Yes
Rehabilitate and/or Restore	Yes – if acquired or created w/CPA \$\$	Yes	Yes	Yes – if acquired or created w/CPA \$\$

Resources

Massachusetts General Law, Community Preservation Act

malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleVII/Chapter44B

Arlington CPA Bylaw (scroll down to Article 12)

arlingtonma.gov/town-governance/laws-and-regulations/town-bylaws/title-ii-committees-and-commissions

Arlington Community Preservation Committee

arlingtonma.gov/communitypreservation

Community Preservation Coalition

communitypreservation.org



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